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1. REFTELS AND OTHER MESSAGES HAVE REPORTED OUR ASSUMPTION THAT IN JAMAICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN MANLEY GOVERNMENT AND THE PNP WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT THROUGH INNUENDO AND OTHER DEVICES TO ESTABLISH LINKAGES BETWEEN THE CIA, OTHER EXTERNAL FORCES AND THE OPPOSITION JLP.

2. SOLID PROOF THAT THAT ASSUMPTION WAS CORRECT AROSE SEPTEMBER 24 IN PUBLIC OPINION, A WEEKLY ORGAN OF THE PNP. FRONT PAGE HEADLINES MANLEY'S PNP CONFERENCE SPEECH (REFTEL B) IN WICH HE ATTACKED "EXPLOITING CLIQUE" IN JAMAICA, ETC. WHILE MANLEY IN THAT SPEECH DID NOT DIRECTLY ALLUDE TO EXTERNAL FORCES OR THE CIA, PUBLIC OPINION DID ESTABLISH THE LINK. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE NEWS COVERAGE, EDITORIALS, ETC. IN THE SAME ISSUE OF PUBLIC OPINION PLAYS THE AGEE'S ALLEGATIONS IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO REMOVE ANY DOUBTS IN ANYONE'S MIND. BY COUNT THERE ARE SEVEN MAJOR ARTICLES

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AND EDITORIALS WHICH PLAY THE THEME IN ONE FORM OR

ANOTHER.

3.(CIF THE WHOLE THING WERE NOT SO SORDID SOME ELEMENTS
WOULD BE HUMOROUS. AS AN EXAMPLE, ONE STORY (WRITTEN
BY A RADICAL JAMAICAN RELIGIOUS MINISTER) FLATLY STATES THAT
A LOCAL MEXICAN RESTAURANT RUN BY THE "INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF
EVANGELISM" IS "DEFINITELY A CIA COVER USING THE USA
EVANGELISTS".

4. ABOUT THE ONLY CRITICISM OFFERED OF AGEE IS ONE
COLUMNIST'S MIC
COMMENT THAT AGEE'S PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
OF NAMES WAS "RATHER PECULIAR". THE COLUMNIST DID NOT
EXPRESS CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THOSE NAMED BUT
RATHER SUGGESTED THAT THE DISCLOSURE MADE DIFFICULT
THE TASK OF JAMAICAN SECURITY FORCES WHO SHOULD KEEP
THEM UNDER SECRET SURVEILLANCE TO DETERMINE "WHETHER
THEY ARE ENGAGED IN NEFARIOUS PLANS WITH ANY SET OF

CAL CITIZENS".
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